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- 1. The territory along the Yugoslav border towards Bulgaria is heavily mined from the line of Novo Selo northward to the line of Carevo Selo. The mines were layed in the fall of 1948 and the spring of 1949.
- After the capitulation of the Greek guerrillas in August 1949, the Communist Party District Committee of Strumica requested that the border line toward Greece be mined.
- 3. On or about 15 May 1950, a special military commission headed by two officerengineers arrived at Strumica from Skoplje and proceeded to the point where
  the Yugoslav, Greek, and Bulgarian borders meet. This commission surveyed
  the territory from this point to about 3.5 kilometers northeast of the
  village of Nikolic.
- 4. According to the statement of a member of the Communist Party District Committee of Strumica, this military commission was in charge of drawing up a plan for laying mines along this border sector. He also stated that the laying of mines would begin during the last half of May 1950.
- 5. The Yugoslav border from a point about 3.5 kilometers northeast of the village of Nikolic to a point near the village of Nikolic '~ illuminated by electric lights. The wires and bulbs are strung about one and one-half feet from the ground and the distance between the bulbs is approximately 50 feet.

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